

REMARKS

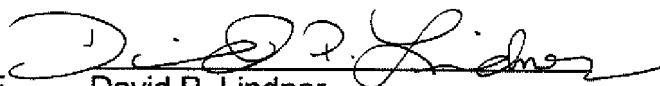
The Office Action alleges that the pending claims are directed toward distinct inventions. In order to advance prosecution of this application, the Assignees elect, without traverse, claims 1-37. Claims 38-106 are cancelled without prejudice, and the Assignees reserve the right to prosecute these claims in a continuing application.

CONCLUSION

The Assignees respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and a notice to this effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if it would expedite the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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